THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Fishery/Horticulture Schemes

2564. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received schemes from various States for the development of fisheries and horticulture in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to impart training to the farmers in rural areas to go in for fisheries and other schemes on agriculture to accelerate the pace of general economy?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Project proposals for development of fisheries have been received from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa and Maharashtra for taking up externally aided projects covering trout, freshwater prawns, oyster, etc. These projects are at different stages of examination and processing and no final assessment has been taken on them. No separate proposals have been received from the States for development of Horticulture in rural areas in recent past.

(c) Training of farmers forms an integral part of various Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for agricultural development including the programmes for Horticulture and Fisheries, implemented in different States.

[Translation]

Foreign Assistance

2565. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of aid received from the foreign countries for the environmental projects during 1994, 1995 and 1996;

(b) the names of projects on which the foreign aid was spent;

(c) the amount given to Uttar Pradesh and other States out of the aid during the said period and the projects for which the assistance was provided, state-wise;

(d) whether the amount provided has been utilised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) The amount of aid received from the foreign countries for environment projects, project-wise, upto 1994-95 is given in the External Assistance Brochure - 1994-95, published by Ministry of Finance. A copy of the Brochure is available in the Library of the House. The information on amount of aid received during 1995-96 (Provisional), project-wise, as furnished by the Controller of Aid, Accounts and Audit (CAA&A) is given in statement.

(c) The details of the amount, State-wise, is available in the above mentioned Brochure and the Annexure. However, one UK assisted project namely Gomti River Pollution Control Project in Uttar Pradesh has been signed on 29-8-1996. No aid was disbursed for this project during 1995-96.

(d) and (e) The aid received from the external donors is on reimbursement basis. Non-utilisation of project-tied aid, therefore, does not arise.

Statement

Statement Showing Disbursement During 1995-96 for Environment Project

(In Donor Currency million)

S.No.	Donor	Currency	Name of the Project	Centre/State	Amount Disbursed
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	IDA	US Dollars	Industrial Pollution Control	Centre	11.43
2.	IDA	US Dollars	Industrial Pollution Prevention	Centre	0.00
3.	IBRD	US Dollars	Industrial Pollution Control	Centre	33.50
4.	IBRD	US Dollars	Industrial Pollution Prevention	Centre	0.00
5.	IBRD	US Dollars	Industrial Pollution Prevention	Centre	0.00
6.	Japan	Japanese Yen	Industrial Pollution Control	West Bengal	0.01

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Japan	Japanese Yen	Industrial Pollution Control	Private	33.83
8.	USA	US Dollars	Greenhouse Gas Pollution	Centre	0.00
9.	Sweden	S. Kroner	Environment Training Project	Andhra Pradesh	0.76
10.	Japan	Japanese Yen	Yamuna Action Plan Project	Centre	0.39
11.	Norway	N. Kroner	Orissa Environmental Programme	Orissa	1.66
12.	Norway	N. Kroner	Environmental Programme	Himachal Pradesh	0.81

[English]

Free Sale Quota of Sugar

2566. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to hike the quantum of sugar permitted to be sold by the mills under the free sale quota and also for hiking sugar buffer stock;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demand of sugar industry for creation of a buffer stock of 25 lakh tonnes may not be possible to meet due to the lack of storage facilities as well as the costs involved therein, and

(d) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) The monthly releases of sugar are made keeping in view the availability of sugar, sugar price trend, availability of other sweetners, demand, etc.

At present, there is no proposal to increase the quantum of buffer stock of sugar.

Nair Committee

2567. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have given any direction to the Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair Committee appointed to examine the representation of Kerala Government regarding implementation of provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the report of the said Committee is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Expert Committee on 30.12.96, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Balakrishnan Nair to examine the representation of Kerala Government regarding implementation of provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification.

(b) The terms of reference of the Expert Committee are :

(i) To examine the representation of Government of Kerala that the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification should not be uniformly applied to the State, as the problems of its coast line, estuaries and backwaters are very different from those of other states and to suggest/recommendations thereon.

(ii) To examine whether the restrictions against establishing and expanding fish processing units within 500m from HTL be modified and if so, the recommendations in this regard.

(iii) Any other relevant issue raised by the State Government.

(c) The Committee has been given ten weeks time to submit its report.

[Translation]

Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2568. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per the directions given by the Supreme Court the facility to file claims for compensation has been again given to the vicitims of Bhopal gas tragedy after a period of twelve years;

(b) if so, the number of persons who have filed claims for compensation so far since then; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) About 6 lakh compensation claims were registered during the 5 year period 1985 to 1989. Out of these 4.21 lakh claim cases have been decided till